

## Nuneaton & District Junior League Round 2 – May 12th 2012

An exciting and at times nail biting performance from Boldmere A Team in the second round of Division 1 of the Junior League at Redditch, winning with a respectable 253 points just ahead of Redditch who gave Boldmere a run for their money with 245 points and followed by City of Coventry with 204 points. Solihull came in 4th followed by Leicester Sharks "B" then Haden Hill.

Again the A Team came up trumps with 47 out of 51 top three places with 17 wins and 24 PB's.

The 9 year old boys continued to impress in the individuals with Jamie Dark again taking 2nd place in a close finish in the 25m Breaststroke, Acer Woolley repeated 1st place in the 25m Butterfly and Ben Smith 1st home again in the 25m Freestyle with a PB of 15.97 and also in the 25m Backstroke.

The 9 Yr girls also swam strongly as Mollie Goldstone came 3rd in the 25m Breaststroke; Abbey Turnbull took 2nd place in the 25m Butterfly and a fabulous 1st place in the 25m Freestyle only just outside her PB. Holly Bloor then followed suit with another 1st in 25m Backstroke.

In the 10 year old age group Lilly Wood won 50m Freestyle with ease and then came 2nd in the 50m Breaststroke with a PB of 46.16. Alexandra Bartley came 3rd in the 50m Backstroke with a PB of 42.68 and 2nd in the 50m Butterfly. James Goodwin took 2nd place in both 50m Butterfly and Freestyle in a very close finish with PB's in both races. Toby Chiles finished 3rd in the 50m Breaststroke with an impressive PB of 49.88 and Jack Bateman 2nd in the 50m Backstroke.

The 11 year olds gave another sterling performance with Megan Holder coming 4th in the 50m Backstroke, Stella-Anne O'Hehir achieving another PB of 36.00 in the 50m Butterfly and 2nd place again in the 50m Freestyle with a PB of 32.16. Aristeia Knight fought hard with a very close 2nd in the 50m Breaststroke in a PB of 42.25.

The boys all achieved PB's in their respective races with Roan Griffiths gaining 2nd place in the 50M Backstroke (37.85) followed by Leo Karski 3rd in 50m Butterfly (36.65), Leighton Palmer-Whyte 2nd in 50m Breaststroke (43.79) and Taleb Givans with another 2nd in the 50m Freestyle (32.28).

The 12 year old girls fought hard against stiff opposition, all achieving PB's in their individuals with Lauren Wall in 3rd place in both the 50m Backstroke (35.25) and 50m Freestyle (30.69) while Kate Davies was 4th in the 50m Butterfly (32.75) and 3rd in 50m Breaststroke (38.12). The boys put in another superb show with 2 easy wins for Matt Price in 50m Backstroke and 50m Freestyle and Tom Bloor taking 2nd in both 50m Butterfly and 50m Breaststroke.

Of the 19 relays Boldmere achieved an impressive top 2 finishes in 16, many with nail biting close finishes with Redditch. With four races remaining Boldmere led Redditch by a mere 2 points but the team rallied to win by 9 points and claim the maximum 6 league points on offer. Several members of the relay teams did not have individual races but again made a valuable contribution to the success of the teams. These being Defne Balu, Solomon Langston, Harriet Gordon, Molly Sherriff, Lois West and Kai Alexander. Finally, a special mention for the Gala Stars who were Abbey Turnbull and James Goodwin who both made outstanding efforts throughout the competition.

Also in Division 1 Boldmere's B Team travelled to Halesowen for their second round gala against Wyre Forest, Braunstone, Leicester Penguins, Chase and the hosts Halesowen.

The team had a good early start with many solid finishes including 3rd places from Tom Sherriff in the 9 year boys Breaststroke, Chloe Weideman in the 12 year old girls Backstroke and Stephanie

Detheridge in the 10 year old Breaststroke. Archie Langston also led the team from the front with a superb 1st place in the 12 year old boys Backstroke and then joined Jack Dobson, Ryan Andrews and Sam Morris to finish 3rd in the 12 Yr Boy's Freestyle and medley relays. Andrews also fought well to finish 3rd in the 12 year Butterfly while Jack Dobson achieved the same result in the 11 year old backstroke.

As the gala progressed Boldmere became involved in an exciting fight for places with Chase and Braunstone only to miss out on valuable points by the smallest of margins. Gala Stars, Matthew Green and Madeline Van Loan both made strong contributions, producing superb legs in the 11 year old relays before fighting hard for places in the individual freestyle with Van Loan scoring a solid 4th place. Tim Beesley and Zara Houghton also played important roles in their own age relays before swimming up in support of the older age groups.

Strong 4th place finishes from the 10, 11 and 12 year girl's relays kept the team in contention for an improved final position but the stronger 'A' team competition unfortunately kept the squad into sixth place.

In Division 3 Boldmere's C team were on home turf at Wyndley, recording 25 official PB's, 3 wins and eight 2nd places to finish fourth place with 167 points, 60 points ahead of Wolverhampton Masters while Evesham and Warley Wasps were 1st and 2nd with 226 and 225 points respectively.

The two 1st place individual six pointers came from Cesca Goode in the 10 yr 25m Butterfly with Gibsa Bah notching up the first win of the night in a new PB time in Boys 12 Yr 50m Breast.

The girls 12 Yr Medley relay foursome got the other win; Zoe Kempson holding the first 25m Back leg to within half a meter, Bonita Deathridge edged her Breaststroke to make a gain while Jemma Youngman drew level on the Fly leg to hand over to Jessica Millington who brought the team home and stop the clock first.

The seven 2nd place individual finishes came from Jemma Youngman (12 Yr 50m butterfly), Cenk Balu (12 Yr 50m butterfly & 12 Yr 50m freestyle), Zara Chatfield (11 Yr 50m backstroke), Bonita Deathridge (12 Yr 50m breast), Lewis Myers (11 Yr 50m breast) and Charlotte Fellows (11 Yr 50m freestyle).

Also with second place finish were the 9 Yr boys Freestyle relay quartet of Kieran Hassan, Matthias Johnson, Charlie Giblin and Jayden Ried.

Once again there were many great performances, given the team was up against some strong opposition with Dan Campbell slicing 11 seconds off his time in the 10 Yr Boys Breaststroke

There were more individual PB's from Alex Andrews, Matthias Johnson, Charlotte Fellows (2), Maddy Shay, Dan Campbell, Natasha Hodgson (2), Marcus Atkin, Cent Balu (2), Zara Chatfield, Cameron Billinglsey, Lana Ryan, Kieran Hassan, Bonita Deathridge, Gibsa Bah, Francesca Goode, Angus Carter, Ross Walker (2), Charlie Giblin, Tom Songhurst, Oliver Kirkham and Niamh Rooney.

Finally the Stars of the Gala awards went to the two 10 year olds of Naimh Rooney and Ross Walker.

Niamh showed real gutsy performances with a cracking first leg 3 second PB in the Mixed Cannon 8 leg Freestyle relay and an unofficial PB in the anchor leg of the Girls Freestyle relay.

Ross meanwhile knocked a whopping 3.5 seconds of his previous time in the 50m Backstroke as well as setting another PB in the 10/u 50m Fly along with 2 unofficial relay leg split PB's.

